Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love,
as Directed by God's Word

Welcome!

It is my privilege to welcome you to this service of worship here at Ken Mawr! Our church is focused on declaring God's Grace and demonstrating God's Love, as directed by God's Word. Today's Scripture, Psalm 90, is all about time. We could almost say this ancient psalm is about the "relativity" of time because Moses was obviously struggling to make sense of the temporary nature of human existence. The one undeniable fact that every person must face is not merely the reality of death but how fleeting and short life seems as we hurtle toward its conclusion. In one sense verses 5-6 are an example of exaggeration or hyperbole as the writer of the psalm, Moses, compares life to the swift 24-hour cycle of certain kinds of grass. I've talked with enough nonagenarians to know that even those who look back on ninety plus years of life say that all things considered, the grassy image in verses 5&6 is pretty much how life feels in retrospect. The Psalm also points to God's unfailing love, so that *"we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."* Let us also sing for joy and be glad all our days! *-Pastor Karl*

J.A.M. continues through Wednesday, November 18 for ages 4 – Grade 4. Come and join in the fun from 6:00 – 7:00!

Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor ..... Louise Schoppe
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Deacons of the Month ..... Michelle Altenhof/Debbie Bucek
Director of Music ..... Jayne McDonald
Bass ..... Mitchell Fleishman
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Nursery ..... Tammy Bischak
Counters ..... Craig Hinden/Bucky Savatt
Van Driver ..... Tony Tresky
Flower Delivery..... Tina Freyermuth

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship "How Great Is Our God"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #84 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Prayer of Confession

God of joy and God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to your miracles that we have missed the world's re-creation. We have preoccupied ourselves with worries and pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the abundant life you set among us. Forgive us, merciful God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your good gifts; open our lips and hands to share these gifts with all people. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia! Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Time with the Children

Children PreK–Grade 4 are invited to children's church and will rejoin their families during the last hymn.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

…Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Faith "10,000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name,
worship Your holy Name.

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GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture — Psalm 90:1-14

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
4 A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
7 We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
9 All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
10 Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
11 If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
12 Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
13 Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Sermon — "From Everlasting to Everlasting"

*A Prayer of Thanks & Joy

O Lord, our God, we thank you for your Word and Spirit, through which we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
May we, who confess your merciful name today, never cease to wonder at what you have done for us.
Help us to continue firmly in faith, to bear witness to your love, and to let the Holy Spirit shape our lives.
Take each one of us, Everlasting God, into your care that we may loyally endure opposition that we face as we faithfully serve you.
May we, with all your children, live together in the joy and power of your Holy Spirit. We ask this, Lord Jesus, in the hope of your return. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Salam Medical Center is a place where people of all faiths and backgrounds can come for high quality medical care at a minimal cost. With diagnostic machines, a pharmacy, and a trained staff under the leadership of Pastor Karl's friend, Dr. Freddy Elbaiady, Salam Medical Center is committed to helping the poorest members of the community. Salam Medical Center exists to help decrease sickness and suffering in the Qanatir area of Cairo. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/smcegypt/info/

November 1 – Healthy Start
November 8 – Presbyterian Federated Chaplaincies
November 15 – Camp Lambec
November 22 – Chosen People Ministries
November 29 – East Liberty Family Health Care Center

Thank You

The month of October marks a special time of recognition for church pastors known as Pastor Appreciation Month. This observance dates back to 1992 when it was originally known as Clergy Appreciation Day.

Pastor Karl has been the shepherd of this congregation since April 1, 1993. His ministry encompasses pastoral care, administrative leadership, teaching, leading us in worship and preaching. Over the years, he has guided our spiritual journeys, supported our families through baptisms, weddings and funerals, and he has lead the way during building projects and capital campaigns. Pastor Karl, your kindness and compassion have made a world of difference to those around you. Thank you.

Pastor Louise has been a member of Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church for many years. As a volunteer she served in music, teaching, workcamp and VBS ministries, as well as an ordained deacon and elder and as the Clerk of Session before joining the staff in 2021 as the Commissioned Pastor for Family Ministry. For years of dedication to this congregation – in so many roles – thank you. You are appreciated!

At Ken Mawr we have many leaders who devote their time and ministry to serving our congregation and community. In addition to a full-time pastor and part-time commissioned pastor for family ministry, there are numerous leaders who serve us tirelessly as a clerk of session, deacons and elders. We have been blessed with amazing men and women who have offered their time and vision to this congregation and its ministries.

The impact all of our leaders have on our ministry together is easy to overlook. The truth however is that their influence is far-reaching. They have made a profound difference in the lives of those around us, touching hearts and inspiring minds in ways that may not even be realized.

Dear friends, our pastors and leaders, you are valued and appreciated more than you will ever know. We pray for strength, wisdom and the faithfulness of God's Love to blanket you each day with our gratitude – thank you!

The members of Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church.

TODAY AT KMUPC **October 25, 2026**

Worship Services ..... 8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:45
Children's Church 11:00
Christmas Pageant Practice ..... 10:45 – 11:30
Middle School Youth Night ..... 5:45 – 7:15
High School Youth Night/Bible Study ..... 6:00 – 8:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday Coffee & Connections ..... 9:30 – 11:00
Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00
Wednesday Fall Fellowship Dinner 5:30
J.A.M. 6:00
Worship in the Sanctuary ..... 6:30 – 7:00
Choir Practice 7:00
Thursday Staff Meeting 10:00
Next Sunday Worship Services/Communion ..... 8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:45
Children's Church 11:00

LOOKING AHEAD

November 3 – Coffee & Connections
November 4 – Lord's Lambs
November 4 – J.A.M.
November 5 – Food Pantry
November 8 – New Member Lunch and Seminar
November 8 – Middle School Youth Night
November 10 – Esther Circle
November 11 – J.A.M.
November 14 – Men's Breakfast
November 15 – Deacons Meeting
November 16 – OCC Box Packing
November 16 – Finance Team
November 17 – Christian Ed Team
November 17 – Session Meeting
November 18 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch
November 18 – J.A.M.
November 19 – Food Pantry
November 19 – Helping Hands
November 22 – Middle School Youth Night
November 23 – Thanksgiving Bag Distribution (a.m.)
November 28 – Deacons Decorate for Christmas

Be sure you have your copy of the 2026 "Gift of Giving" guide for details on giving opportunities this holiday season:

- Operation Christmas Child – Donations due November 8
- Thanksgiving Food Donations – Donations due November 15
- Sweats for Vets – Donations due December 6
- Mitten Tree – Donations due December 20